



Security Council

Sixtieth year

Provisional

5135th meeting

Monday, 7 March 2005, 4.50 p.m.

New York

<i>President:</i>	Mr. Sardenberg.	(Brazil)
<i>Members:</i>	Algeria	Mr. Benmehidi
	Argentina	Mr. Mayoral
	Benin	Mr. Zinsou
	China	Mr. Wang Guangya
	Denmark	Mr. Christensen
	France	Mr. Poirier
	Greece	Mrs. Papadopoulou
	Japan	Mr. Kitaoka
	Philippines	Mr. Baja
	Romania	Mr. Dumitru
	Russian Federation	Mr. Dolgov
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Carrick
	United Republic of Tanzania	Mr. Manongi
	United States of America	Mr. Fendrick

Agenda

The situation in Somalia

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Somalia (S/2005/89)

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The meeting was called to order at 4.50 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted

The situation in Somalia

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Somalia (S/2005/89)

The President: I should like to inform the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of Somalia, in which he requests to be invited to participate in the discussion of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the discussion, without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Hashi (Somalia) took a seat at the Council table.

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them document S/2005/89, containing the report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Somalia.

After consultations among members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council.

"The Security Council reaffirms all its previous decisions concerning the situation in Somalia, in particular the statement by its President (S/PRST/2004/43) dated 19 November 2004.

"The Security Council welcomes the report of the Secretary-General of 18 February 2005 (S/2005/89), reaffirms its commitment to a comprehensive and lasting settlement of the situation in Somalia and its respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence and unity of Somalia, consistent with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

"The Security Council welcomes the progress made in the Somali national reconciliation process, in particular the ongoing relocation efforts of the Transitional Federal Government (TFG), expects further progress in this regard and stresses the need for the international community to provide strong political, financial and capacity-building support for these efforts.

"The Security Council commends the efforts of the African Union and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) in support of the TFG. The Council reiterates its support for the African Union's efforts in assisting the process of transition in Somalia. The Council recognizes the African Union's readiness to play an important role in a future peace support mission in Somalia. Such a mission must be carefully considered and planned and would require the support of the Somali people.

"The Security Council urges all Somali factions and militia leaders to cease hostilities and encourages them and the TFG to enter into immediate negotiations for a comprehensive and verifiable ceasefire agreement leading to final disarmament, and welcomes the willingness of the United Nations to provide advice in this regard.

"The Security Council expresses its gratitude to all those donors who have supported the peace process in Somalia and encourages donor countries and regional and subregional organizations to contribute to the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Somalia, in particular through efforts coordinated by United Nations agencies.

"The Security Council welcomes the establishment of the Coordination and Monitoring Committee (CMC), chaired jointly by the Prime Minister of the TFG and the United Nations, through which donor countries and regional and subregional organizations can provide support to the efforts of the TFG.

"The Security Council stresses that improving the humanitarian situation is an essential component of support for the peace and reconciliation process. The Council strongly

believes that ensuring humanitarian access to all Somalis in need and providing guarantees for the safety and security of aid workers is an immediate priority and obligation of the TFG.

"The Security Council welcomes the efforts of the United Nations Political Office in Somalia (UNPOS) and its leading role in coordinating support for the TFG to implement the agreements reached at the Somali National Reconciliation Conference and establish peace and stability in Somalia. The Security Council takes note of the need to expand the United Nations presence as proposed in the report of the Secretary-General of 18 February 2005 (S/2005/89). The Council concurs with the Secretary-General that a further

enhanced role for the Organization in Somalia must be incremental and should be based on the outcome of discussions with the TFG.

"The Security Council reaffirms its full support for the peace process in Somalia and the commitment of the United Nations to assist the regional and subregional efforts in this regard."

This statement will be issued as a document of the Security Council under the symbol S/PRST/2005/11.

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 5 p.m.



Security Council

Sixtieth year

Provisional

5136th meeting

Wednesday, 9 March 2005, 12.45 p.m.

New York

<i>President:</i>	Mr. Sardenberg.	(Brazil)
<i>Members:</i>	Algeria	Mr. Benmehidi
	Argentina	Mr. Mayoral
	Benin	Mr. Zinsou
	China	Mr. Cheng Jingye
	Denmark	Mr. Faaborg-Andersen
	France	Mr. Poirier
	Greece	Mrs. Papadopoulou
	Japan	Mr. Kitaoka
	Philippines	Mr. Baja
	Romania	Mr. Dumitru
	Russian Federation	Mr. Dolgov
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Thomson
	United Republic of Tanzania	Ms. Taj
	United States of America	Mrs. Patterson

Agenda

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

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The meeting was called to order at 12.45 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Following consultations among the members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council.

"The Security Council welcomes the conclusions of the London Meeting on supporting the Palestinian Authority, on 1 March. The Council supports the objectives of the London Meeting to help the Palestinian leadership strengthen the institutions needed for a viable and independent Palestinian State.

"The Security Council hopes that the London Meeting will be part of the longer-term process of international support to the Palestinian people and the Palestinian Authority and a contribution to helping both sides implement the road map endorsed by the Security Council in resolution 1515 (2003) and agreed to by the parties as the path towards a lasting comprehensive negotiated settlement to the Middle East conflict, based on Security Council resolutions 242 (1967), 338 (1973) and 1397 (2002).

"The Security Council stresses the crucial importance of security, good governance and development of the Palestinian economy. In this context, the Council welcomes President Abbas's comprehensive plan presented at the London Meeting for strengthening the Palestinian Authority's institutions in these three areas.

"The Security Council stresses the key role of the international community in assisting the Palestinian Authority in taking forward this plan. The Council welcomes the international community's commitments to respond to the plans of the Palestinian Authority by providing financial and political support. The Council recognizes the important role of the Quartet in international efforts aimed at providing assistance

to the Palestinian Authority in the security, economic development and governance.

"The Security Council supports the proposals for follow-up to the London Meeting and looks forward to their early implementation.

"The Security Council supports the Statement of the Quartet issued following the meeting of the Quartet in the margin of the London Meeting, and looks forward to the Quartet's active engagement in the forthcoming period, while recognizing the important role of other interested parties.

"The Security Council reiterates its support in respect by the Government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority of understanding the importance of the Sharm el-Sheikh summit on 8 March, in particular that all Palestinians will stop violence against all Israelis everywhere and that Israel will cease all its military activities against all Palestinians everywhere.

"The Security Council reiterates its support for Israel and the Palestinian Authority to continue progress in the peace process, including full implementation of the road map, and contact with the Quartet. It stresses the need for concerted and sustained action by the Palestinian Authority to fulfil its security commitments and welcomes in this context President Abbas's commitment to continued effort towards that end. The Council stresses the need for Israel to implement its commitments.

"The Security Council reiterates its support for the immediate cessation of all acts of violence, including all acts of terror, provocation, incitement and destruction.

"The Security Council reiterates its support for the vision of two States, Israel and the Palestinian State, living side by side in peace and security.

This statement will be issued as a document of the Security Council under the symbol S/PRST/2005/12.

The Security Council has thus completed the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 12.50 p.m.



Security Council

Sixtieth year

Provisional

5137th meeting

Thursday, 10 March 2005, 3.30 p.m.

New York

<i>President:</i>	Mr. Sardenberg.	(Brazil)
<i>Members:</i>	Algeria	Mr. Benmehidi
	Argentina	Mr. Mayoral
	Benin	Mr. Adechi
	China	Mr. Li Junhua
	Denmark	Mr. Faaborg-Andersen
	France	Mr. Poirier
	Greece	Mrs. Papadopoulou
	Japan	Mr. Kawakami
	Philippines	Mr. Lacanilao
	Romania	Mr. Dumitru
	Russian Federation	Mr. Dolgov
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir Emyr Jones Parry
	United Republic of Tanzania	Mr. Manongi
	United States of America	Mr. Holliday

Agenda

Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan

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The meeting was called to order at 3.30 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The Security Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them document S/2005/154, which contains the text of a draft resolution prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

It is my understanding that the Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution before it.

Unless I hear any objection, I shall put the draft resolution to the vote now.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Algeria, Argentina, Benin, Brazil, China, Denmark, France, Greece, Japan, Philippines, Romania, Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America

The President: There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 1585 (2005).

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 3.35 p.m.



Security Council

Distr.: General
11 March 2005

Original: English

Official communiqué of the 5138th (closed) meeting of the Security Council

**Held in private at Headquarters, New York, on Friday,
11 March 2005, at 10.10 a.m.**

In accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the following communiqué was issued through the Secretary-General in place of a verbatim record:

"On 11 March 2005, the Security Council, pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B, held its 5138th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE).

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Legwaila Joseph Legwaila, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Ethiopia and Eritrea.

"Members of the Council, Mr. Legwaila and representatives of participating troop-contributing countries had a constructive exchange of views."





Security Council

Sixtieth year

Provisional

5139th meeting

Monday, 14 March 2005, 1.05 p.m.

New York

<i>President:</i>	Mr. Sardenberg	(Brazil)
<i>Members:</i>	Algeria	Mr. Baali
	Argentina	Mr. Mayoral
	Benin	Mr. Zinsou
	China	Mr. Zhang Yishan
	Denmark	Ms. Løj
	France	Mr. Poirier
	Greece	Mrs. Papadopoulou
	Japan	Mr. Kitaoka
	Philippines	Mr. Mercado
	Romania	Mr. Dumitru
	Russian Federation	Mr. Dolgov
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Johnston
	United Republic of Tanzania	Mr. Manongi
	United States of America	Mr. Holliday

Agenda

The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

Report of the Secretary-General on Ethiopia and Eritrea (S/2005/142)

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The meeting was called to order at 1.05 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

Report of the Secretary-General on Ethiopia and Eritrea (S/2005/142)

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them the report of the Secretary-General on Ethiopia and Eritrea, document S/2005/142. Members also have before them document S/2005/157, which contains the text of a draft resolution prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

It is my understanding that the Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution before it. Unless I hear any objection, I shall now put the draft resolution to the vote.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Algeria, Argentina, Benin, Brazil, China, Denmark, France, Greece, Japan, Philippines, Romania, Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America

The President: There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 1586 (2005).

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 1.10 p.m.



Security Council

Sixtieth year

Provisional

5140th meeting

Monday, 14 March 2005, 1.10 p.m.

New York

<i>President:</i>	Mr. Sardenberg	(Brazil)
<i>Members:</i>	Algeria	Mr. Baali
	Argentina	Mr. Mayoral
	Benin	Mr. Zinsou
	China	Mr. Zhang Yishan
	Denmark	Ms. Løj
	France	Mr. Poirier
	Greece	Mrs. Papadopoulou
	Japan	Mr. Kitaoka
	Philippines	Mr. Mercado
	Romania	Mr. Dumitru
	Russian Federation	Mr. Dolgov
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Johnston
	United Republic of Tanzania	Mr. Manongi
	United States of America	Mr. Holliday

Agenda

International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Letter dated 24 February 2005 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2005/127)

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The meeting was called to order at 1.10 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Letter dated 24 February 2005 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2005/127)

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The Security Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them document S/2005/127, which contains the text of a letter dated 24 February 2005 from the Secretary-

General addressed to the President of the Security Council concerning the list of candidates to the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and, in particular, the suggestion contained therein to extend the deadline for nominations to the Tribunal until 31 March 2005.

Members of the Council also have before them the draft of a letter which I, as President of the Security Council, would propose to send to the Secretary-General in reply to the aforementioned letter.

In the absence of objection, I shall assume that the Security Council endorses the proposal of the Secretary-General and agrees that I should send the letter as drafted to the Secretary-General.

It is so decided.

The reply will be issued as a document of the Council under the symbol S/2005/159.

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 1.15 p.m.



Security Council

Sixtieth year

Provisional

5141st meeting

Monday, 14 March 2005, 1.15 p.m.
New York

<i>President:</i>	Mr. Sardenberg	(Brazil)
<i>Members:</i>	Algeria	Mr. Baali
	Argentina	Mr. Mayoral
	Benin	Mr. Zinsou
	China	Mr. Zhang Yishan
	Denmark	Ms. Løj
	France	Mr. Poirier
	Greece	Mrs. Papadopoulou
	Japan	Mr. Kitaoka
	Philippines	Mr. Mercado
	Romania	Mr. Dumitru
	Russian Federation	Mr. Dolgov
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Johnston
	United Republic of Tanzania	Mr. Manongi
	United States of America	Mr. Holliday

Agenda

The situation in Burundi

Third report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Operation in Burundi (S/2005/149)

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The meeting was called to order at 1.15 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation in Burundi

Third report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Operation in Burundi (S/2005/149)

The President: I should like to inform the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of Burundi, in which he requests to be invited to participate in the discussion of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Nkingiyé (Burundi), took a seat at the Council table.

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

After consultations among members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council welcomes the approval by the Burundian people of the post-transitional Constitution through the referendum of 28 February 2005, whose final results have just been declared. The very broad participation of the citizens of Burundi, who have voted in favour of the Constitution in large numbers, is the sign of their support to the peace process. It is an important event for Burundi and for the whole region of the Great Lakes of Africa.

"The Security Council calls upon all Burundians to remain committed to the course of national reconciliation, for further steps remain to be taken. It invites in particular the political leadership in the country to work together towards the common goal of holding, expeditiously, local and national elections that are free and fair. It encourages the donor community to continue providing its assistance to this end."

This statement will be issued as a document of the Security Council under the symbol S/PRST/2005/13.

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 1.20 p.m.



Security Council

Sixtieth year

Provisional

5142nd meeting

Tuesday, 15 March 2005, 11.40 a.m.

New York

<i>President:</i>	Mr. Sardenberg.	(Brazil)
<i>Members:</i>	Algeria.	Mr. Benmehidi
	Argentina	Mr. D'Alotto
	Benin	Mr. Adechi
	China	Mr. Cheng Jingye
	Denmark	Ms. Løj
	France	Mr. Poirier
	Greece	Mrs. Papadopoulou
	Japan	Mr. Kitaoka
	Philippines	Mr. Baja
	Romania	Mr. Dumitru
	Russian Federation	Mr. Dolgov
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Johnston
	United Republic of Tanzania	Mr. Manongi
	United States of America	Mr. Fendrick

Agenda

The situation in Somalia

Letter dated 8 March 2005 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2005/153)

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The meeting was called to order at 11.40 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation in Somalia

Letter dated 8 March 2005 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2005/153)

The President: I should like to inform the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of Somalia, in which he requests to be invited to participate in the consideration of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the discussion, without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Hashi (Somalia) took a seat at the Council table.

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them document S/2005/160, which contains the text of a draft resolution prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations. I should also like to draw the attention of the members of the Council to document S/2005/153, which contains a letter dated 8 March 2005 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia addressed to the President of the Security Council.

It is my understanding that the Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution before it. Unless I hear any objection, I shall put the draft resolution to the vote now.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Algeria, Argentina, Benin, Brazil, China, Denmark, France, Greece, Japan, Philippines, Romania, Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America

The President: There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 1587 (2005).

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council will remain seized of the matter.

The meeting rose at 11.45 a.m.



Security Council

Sixtieth year

Provisional

5143rd meeting

Thursday, 17 March 2005, 10.45 a.m.

New York

<i>President:</i>	Mr. Sardenberg	(Brazil)
<i>Members:</i>	Algeria	Mr. Baali
	Argentina	Mr. Mayoral
	Benin	Mr. Adechi
	China	Mr. Li Junhua
	Denmark	Ms. Løj
	France	Mr. De La Sablière
	Greece	Mr. Vassilakis
	Japan	Mr. Haneda
	Philippines	Mr. Mercado
	Romania	Mr. Motoc
	Russian Federation	Mr. Dolgov
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir Emyr Jones Parry
	United Republic of Tanzania	Mr. Manongi
	United States of America	Mr. Fendrick

Agenda

Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan

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The meeting was called to order at 10.45 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The Security Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them document S/2005/173, which contains the text of a draft resolution prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

It is my understanding that the Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution before it.

Unless I hear any objection, I shall put the draft resolution to the vote now.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Algeria, Argentina, Benin, Brazil, China, Denmark, France, Greece, Japan, Philippines, Romania, Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America

The President: There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 1588 (2005).

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 10.50 a.m.

**Security Council**

Distr.: General
21 March 2005

Original: English

Official communiqué of the 5144th (closed) meeting of the Security Council

**Held in private at Headquarters, New York, on Monday,
21 March 2005, at 4 p.m.**

In accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the following communiqué was issued through the Secretary-General in place of a verbatim record.

"At its 5144th meeting, held in private on 21 March 2005, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'The situation in Georgia'.

"The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Georgia and Germany to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"The President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

"The members of the Council heard a briefing by Mr. Guéhenno.

"The representative of Georgia made a statement."

